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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/619,560
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First Named Inventor	Cheng, et al.
Group Art Unit	1764
Examiner Name	W.D. Griffin
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 on the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) - Declaration of Jane C. Cheng
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 05-1712
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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In response to the Examiner's rejection mailed August 5, 2002, please
amend the claims as follows and consider the ensuing remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3 to 5 and 16 to 18 as follows:

3. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the first crystalline molecular sieve is selected from MCM-22, MCM-36, MCM-49 and MCM-56.

4. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the second crystalline molecular sieve comprises TEA-mordenite having an average crystal size of less than 0.5 micron.

5. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the transalkylation catalyst comprises about 15 to about 50% by weight of the first crystalline molecular sieve and about 15 to about 50% by weight of the second crystalline molecular sieve, based on the total weight of molecular sieve material in the catalyst.

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